

Juvenile Justice Commission of San Diego County

Jails and Lockups 2024 Inspection Report

2023 Yearly Statistics (from Logbooks)

0 # **Secure** detentions **OVER** 6 hours

6 # **Secure** detentions **UNDER** 6 hours

0 # **Non-secure** detentions **OVER** 6 hours

10 # **Non-secure** detentions **UNDER** 6 hours

Authority: Pursuant to Welfare & Institutions Code Section 209(b), a judge of the juvenile court shall conduct an annual inspection, either in person or through a delegated member of the appropriate county or regional juvenile justice commission, of any law enforcement facility that contains a lockup for adults which, in the preceding year, was used for the secure detention of any minor.

Please respond to sections that apply to the facility you are inspecting (type or print clearly)

Facility Name: SDCSD – Santee Substation
Address: 8811 Cuyamaca Street
Santee, CA 92071

Date of Inspection: 11/1/2024
Date of Last Inspection: 9/24/2021
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Commission Chair: Yvette D. Klepin
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I. **GENERAL COMMENTS:**

Due to extenuating circumstances in his personal life—a child about to be born, Cpl. Hvizdzak designated Sgt. Hubbard to oversee the inspection. The facility is somewhat dated and cramped but serves its purposes. Adults and minors have separate entrances into, and holding areas in, the facility. Appropriate signage is posted in the holding area for minors. Snacks, bottled water, certain toiletries, and blankets are available for minors.

Upon arrival, Sgt. Hubbard gave us a brief tour of the facility, including all areas used for minor detainees. She then sat us down in an interview room with a table and chairs and provided us with a binder divided into the 12 months of the year, and containing the secure and nonsecure detention records for minor detainees. Sgt. Hubbard was friendly and helpful throughout the inspection.

a. **RECOMMENDATIONS** (if any):

No recommendations at this time.

The following questions are used to assess compliance with the state standards governing law enforcement facilities in which minors are held in temporary custody. See Article 9, *Minors in Temporary Custody in a Law Enforcement Facility*, Title 15 of the California Code of Regulations (15 Cal. Code Regs. §§ 1140–1151)

III. CONDITIONS OF DETENTION:

- A. Are minors provided with orientation? Yes No
- B. Are they informed of the purpose of detention? Yes No
- C. Are they told the length of time detention is expected to last? Yes No
- D. Are they informed of the six-hour maximum time limit? Yes No

IV. CONDITIONS OF SECURE DETENTION (e.g. cell/locked room):

- A. What is the proximity of minors to adult inmates?
About 40 feet.
- B. What is the ability and frequency of staff to supervise minor?
Constant supervision.
- C. Is there constant auditory access to staff? Yes No
- D. Are minors provided with a snack if requested? Yes No
- E. Do minors have access to toilets and washing facilities? Yes No
- F. Do minors have access to a drinking fountain or water?
Small bottles. Yes No
- G. Are there provisions to provide clothing or blankets to assure comfort? Yes No

V. CONDITIONS OF SECURE DETENTION OUTSIDE A LOCKED ENCLOSURE:

(this includes minors who are handcuffed to a fixed object such as a rail, bench, chair or table):

- A. Are minors assured no “contact” with adult inmates? Yes No
- B. Is there constant supervision? Yes No
- C. Is there a 30-minute limit and Watch Commander approval every 30 minutes thereafter? Yes No
- D. Are minors placed in cell when one becomes available?
Minors are seated on a bench and can be cuffed to the bench. Yes No
- E. Do minors have access to toilet and washing facilities? Yes No
- F. Is there access to a drinking fountain? Yes No

VI. CONDITIONS OF NON-SECURE DETENTION:

- A. Is there direct and constant supervision by staff during the entire custody period? Yes No
- B. Are males and females put in same room? Yes No

VII. INTOXICATED MINORS:

- A. Does the facility have written procedures for the handling of minors under the influence of any intoxicating substances? Yes No
- B. Did the facility detain any minors, either secure or non-secure, determined to be under the influence of an intoxicating substance? Yes No

Unsure.

If yes:

1. Was medical clearance obtained? Yes No
2. Were these detentions documented? Yes No
3. If the detention was secure, were there documented safety checks no less than once every 15 minutes? Yes No
4. If the detention was non-secure, was the minor in the constant presence of staff? Yes No
5. Who provides medical clearance for these minors?

Grossmont Hospital.

VIII. DOCUMENTATION:

- A. Are all mandated visual checks documented? Yes No
- B. Are secure/non-secure detention logs used? Yes No
- C. Do the detention logs list the offense and reason which formed the decision to place the minor in secure detention, as well as the length of time the minor was securely detained? Yes No
- D. Does the facility have signage posted explaining the procedures for the handling of secure / non-secure detention of minors? Yes No

IX. ARE THERE INSTANCES IN WHICH A MINOR(S) WAS HELD FOR MORE THAN SIX HOURS? IF YES, LIST THE DATES, STARTING AND ENDING TIME AND CIRCUMSTANCES FOR EACH INSTANCE.

N/A

X. MINORS INTERVIEWED (Comments):

None present. Non excused.